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RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

**TPUC Project No. 25787 - FCC Letters Regarding ETC Designation
Pursuant to FTA '96 §214(e) (2)**

**TPUC Docket No. 32024 – Application of DialtoneServices, L.P. To Amend
Its Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier and an
Eligible Telecommunications Provider to Include Study Areas Served by
Certain Rural Telephone Companies**

ETC Designation of DialtoneServices, L.P.

Pursuant to Section 214(e) (2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") and 47 C.F.R. sections 54.201 – 54.203, the Texas Public Utility Commission (TPUC) has granted eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation to DialtoneServices, L.P. (DTS). The attached *Order*, Docket No. 32024, issued on June 22, 2006, grants DTS ETC designation in the study areas of the following eight rural incumbent local exchange carriers: Alenco

Communications, Inc., Big Bend Telephone Company, Inc., Border to Border Communications, Inc., Dell Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Riviera Telephone Company, Inc., Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc., West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., and XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc..

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Sincerely,

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